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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

CATHY A. CATTERSON
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

SIRVARD TOVMASYAN,

Petitioner,

v.

JOHN ASHCROFT, Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 02-72231

Agency No. A75-708-739

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted October 9, 2003**
Pasadena, California

Before: WALLACE, RYMER, and TALLMAN, Circuit Judges.

We deny Sirvard Tovmasyan's petition for appellate review of her
applications for asylum, withholding of removal, and relief under the United

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by the courts of this circuit except as provided by Ninth Circuit Rule 36-3.

** This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral
argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Nations Convention Against Torture. On October, 5, 2001, an immigration judge denied Tovmasyan relief from deportation, finding that her testimony was “fabricate[d]” and “inconsisten[t]” with her own documentary evidence. The Board of Immigration Appeals reviewed the record and affirmed that decision on June 28, 2002.

The immigration judge provided specific and cogent explanations for her findings, which are supported by substantial evidence. A reasonable fact finder would not be compelled to reach contrary conclusions. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1252(b)(4)(B); *INS v. Elias-Zacarias*, 502 U.S. 478, 483-84 (1992); *Singh-Kaur v. INS*, 183 F.3d 1147, 1151 (9th Cir. 1999). Given this highly deferential standard of review, Tovmasyan’s petition must be denied. *See Lata v. INS*, 204 F.3d 1241, 1244 (9th Cir. 2000); *Marcu v. INS*, 147 F.3d 1078, 1080 (9th Cir. 1998).

PETITION DENIED.